



October 19, 2020

Honorable Michael Rodrigues
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways & Means
State House, Room 212
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Jason Lewis
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 511-B
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means
State House, Room 343
Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Alice Peisch
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 473-G
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Rodrigues, Chairman Michlewitz, Chairman Lewis and Chairwoman Peisch:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 21III of Chapter 29 of the General Laws (as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020) the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) submits the following report related to the Early Education and Care Public-Private Trust Fund.

Clause (e) of said Section 21III states: "Annually, not later than October 1, the commissioner of early education and care shall report to the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on education on the fund's activity. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to: (i) the source and amount of funds received; (ii) the amounts distributed and the purpose of expenditures from the fund, including, but not limited to, funds expended to assist early education and care providers; (iii) any grants provided to early education and care programs, philanthropic organizations or other stakeholder organizations; and (iv) anticipated revenue and expenditure projections for the next year"

As of October 1, 2020, the Department has established the trust fund and has yet to receive funds beyond the \$500,000 appropriated by the Commonwealth through Chapter 124 of the Acts of 2020. EEC continues to engage with philanthropic funders to assess interest in contributing to the Early Education and Care Public-Private Trust Fund; the Department has not expended any funds while it continues that exploration.

As it is a recently enacted trust fund the Department does not have historical data to estimate collections in the upcoming year. However, EEC has been working to identify strategies for investment to support the critical needs for workforce recruitment, support, and development during this tumultuous time.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me at Samantha.Aigner-Treworgy@mass.gov or (617) 988-6612.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner